

HOUSE BILL NO. 194

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 18:135(A), relative to registration of voters; to provide relative to the close of registration records; to provide relative to application for registration and changes in a registration; to provide for definitions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 18:135(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§135. Close of registration

A.(1) Registrars shall close the registration records thirty days prior to an election. However, if the deadline falls on a legal holiday, the registrars shall close the registration records on the first day after such holiday which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or other legal holiday.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, if because of an emergency as declared by the governor or by the parish president the registrar is unable to open at least one office in the parish on the day on which the registration records are to be closed pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the registrar shall not close the registration records on that day. In such case, the registrar shall close the registration records on the first business day thereafter that the registrar opens an office in the parish, and an application for any entry or change in a registration received by the registrar on this day shall be deemed to have been received as of the day the registration records were to be closed pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

(b) The registrar shall notify the secretary of state as soon as possible upon determining that the registrar will be unable to open at least one office in the parish

